GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified guidelines for according approval for marketing of processed food containing Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any study/ research has been conducted on the impact of the processed food containing GMOs on the health of humans before the issue of said notification; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) A draft notification for labelling of Genetically Modified Foods/ingredients under PFA Rules, 1955 was published vide GSR no. 152(E) dated 10.3.06 for inviting objections & suggestions from the public within 60 days from the date of its publication in the gazette of Government of India. Since the draft rules could not be finalized, the provisions to regulate Genetically Modified Foods have been made under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 and would be taken up by the Food Safety Authority, which is under process of constitution.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.